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## ARGENTINA WILL NOT RETURN TO LEAGUE OF NATIONS

### SEE HECTIC WEEK-END OF CONFERENCES

Argentina's Vote Containing Demands Received In Silence

(BULLETIN.)  
GENEVA, Dec. 5.—The assembly of the league of nations today turned a cold shoulder to Argentina and made no outward efforts to retain the South American republic in the league of nations. A note was addressed to the Argentine delegation in behalf of the assembly by President Paul Hymans expressing regret over Argentina's departure, but the assembly failed to make any attempt to meet Argentina's demands. Honorio Pueyrredon, head of the Argentine delegation, explained that Argentina was withdrawing from the league under Article 20 of the covenant.

(BULLETIN.)  
GENEVA, Dec. 5.—The allied powers won an important victory today when the assembly of the league of nations adopted a committee report defying the relations between the assembly and council and barring revision of all the council's acts by the assembly. Lord Robert Cecil, representing South Africa, and the delegates for Greece and India all opposed this action on the ground that Article three of the covenant gives the assembly and council equal powers.

BY NEWTON C. PARKER  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
GENEVA, Dec. 5.—Argentina's note, containing the demands which must be met to keep her in the league of nations, was read by President Paul Hymans, of the assembly, at today's opening session and was received in silence. President Hymans made no comment further than to express regret over the action taken by the South American republic.

The Argentine delegation, headed by Honorio Pueyrredon, foreign minister of Argentina, was absent. Before the assembly session opened Dr. Pueyrredon made the following statement to the International News Service:

ADVENT FROM SESSION.  
"The Argentine delegation will not attend today's session. We consider that we have finished and are ready to depart for Paris. The people of Argentina will support our decision to withdraw from further participation in the affairs of the league of nations."

Argentina's note had been delivered on Sunday after Dr. Pueyrredon on Saturday had consented to hold it up for a short time. Immediately after the reading of Argentina's note President Hymans brought up the motion which the Argentine delegation had introduced before its withdrawal last week, providing for the immediate admission of all recognized states to the league of nations. It was referred to a committee which will report until next year. President Hymans declared this action taken without putting it to a vote.

VIVIANA TO ANSWER.  
The general committee of the assembly recommended that the Canadian amendment, eliminating Article 10 from the league of nations covenant, be referred to a committee reporting in 1921. This amendment was introduced on Saturday by C. H. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice.

Following a hectic week-end of conferences over the critical situation created by the defection of Argentina, the general committee of the assembly held a long meeting before the plenary session of the assembly opened to discuss Argentina's note to the delegates of the four other nations. It was understood that former Premier Viviani of France was requested to draw up an answer to Argentina's representations, but there was considerable doubt as to whether he would accept.

FRENCH STATESMAN ANGRY.  
M. Viviani is angry over developments relating to Armenia and was not in a very conciliatory mood when (Continued on page five.)

### NEARLY 5 BILLION IN FISCAL YEAR

BY A. O. HAYWARD  
(STAFF CORRESPONDENT I. N. SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The vast sum of \$4,885,858,122.28 is necessary to run the government for the present year, from June 30, 1921 to June 30, 1922, according to the annual estimates submitted to congress at the opening today by Secretary of the Treasury Houston. These figures, taking in all departments, represent an increase of \$356,415,275.68 over what was actually appropriated to run the government for the present year ending June 30, 1921. The same officials estimated that the government's needs for the present year will reach the enormous sum of \$5,064,350,793.68. The congressional pruning shears have again been sharpened for the estimates now submitted and it is considered certain that the figures will be heavily cut.

### SUITS AGAINST STANDARD CO. ARE DISMISSED

Two damage suits resulting from the clash between steel strikers and police at Hammond in September in which four were killed, were dismissed in Federal court at Indianapolis Saturday. In each case a man killed by the deputies figured in suit against the Standard Steel Car Company for \$10,000. William P. Lavin, acting as administrator for Lawrence Dudek and Stanley Kish, the men who were killed, were the plaintiffs in each case. It was alleged in the complaints that each had been killed in the fight of Sept. 9, 1919, by men hired by the company.

### COUNTRY CLUB ORGY DENOUNCED

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
KOKOMO, IND., Dec. 5.—The Kokomo Ministerial Association was to meet today and adopt resolutions condemning local officials for permitting an alleged "Belshazzar feast" of a hundred or more of the city's most prominent men at the Country Club a week ago. Here are some of the events which are said to have transpired at the "Bachelors' feast" given by a prominent social leader in celebration of his forthcoming marriage:

Each guest was provided with a jug of whiskey. The whiskey was consumed and the pie was "shied" at cabaret girls who appeared to entertain the assembled diners. The singers fled.

The Rev. Wm. Arnold denounced the alleged orgy in a sermon which brought prolonged applause at Grace Methodist church last night. And to top it off, so it's said, the country club today presented a bill for \$3,000 for damages to walls, carpets, etc., wrought by flying pie, turkey and other vintages.

### BELIEVES HE WAS FOUL PLAY VICTIM

With a deep cut on his head and with blood flowing from a number of lacerations on his face, Frank Shivel, was found lying in an unconscious condition by a watchman employed by the International Lead company, near the company's property on 11st street last night. Shivel is believed to be an employee of the Lead company, but late this morning was unable to tell much about himself. It is the theory of the police that the man met with foul play. Several suspects have been picked up and will be given a trial this afternoon. Two of those arrested were found to be carrying concealed weapons.

### BOARD OF SAFETY NAMES FIRE CHIEF

Charles Smith, who for several years has been assistant fire chief stationed at Indiana Harbor, was on Saturday appointed fire chief by the board of public safety to fill the position left vacant by the death of Clyde A. Spencer.

### SUIT AGAINST INSURANCE CO.'S

Herman Blesien of Robertdale today led suits against two insurance companies to recover for the loss of his house and personal property in a fire which occurred Dec. 30, 1919. The complaints, filed today in the Hammond superior court, are against the Firemen & Mechanics Insurance company and the Columbian National Fire Insurance company. Blesien says that he had \$150,000 worth of insurance on his household furnishings by the first company and \$2,500 on his house at 1218 Pearl street, in the second company. These policies were issued in the month of October and the fire came two months later. Both companies have since refused to make an adjustment. Blesien is represented by Attorneys Cleveland & Cleveland and McAleer, Dorsey & Gillett.

### STREET RY. COMPANY SUED

The damage suit of Charles Lynch against the H. W. & E. C. street railway company, is being heard by Judge Hardy and a jury in room 2 of the Hammond superior court. Lynch was turning from a private driveway upon Sheffield avenue, Aug. 5, 1917, when the rear end of his truck was struck by a southbound street car. He claims the truck was wrecked and asks for \$1,000 damages. He is represented by Attorney Gerald Gillett, while Attorney Edwin Friedrich is appearing for the defendant.

### ADVICE FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Buy Early When Service and Selection in Stores Are at Their Best

Why not buy it now? Why wait until the last few congested days before Christmas to get those Christmas presents? The Hammond stores are all prepared with immense stocks of anything you want for Christmas shopping. This is the time to get service and selection and it is a mighty poor idea to wait until the last minute. People now ought to take up the matter of their Christmas purchases. The old-time custom of everybody rushing into stores just a day or two before Christmas, buying goods right and left and then clumping the malls and express with hills and mountains of small packages is contrary to all sense and reason. Thoughtful people keep their eyes open all the year round for appropriate gifts.

THE BEST SERVICE NOW.  
You certainly won't be able to get the selection of Christmas gifts by putting off the task until Christmas day is upon you that you will be making your Christmas purchases today. In many lines stores will almost have become exhausted. You certainly will get better service now than if you wait. You will relieve the burden of those who stand and serve you as well. Store clerks and mail and express employees dread the holiday season. A period supposed to bring gladness and which is celebrated to make people happy all too frequently brings hurried days and nights, overwork and oftentimes break-down to hundreds and thousands. It should be possible to celebrate the birth of Christ without making a lot of people almost sick.

STORE EFFICIENCY IMPAIRED.  
Many persons complain that they cannot buy Christmas things in advance because they never have money ahead. The reason may be genuine in many cases yet very often the people who make it are throwing money away in silly purchases throughout the year. It is also possible by paying a small sum on an article now to have it set aside by the merchant until later in the month and procure it later. Many stores will do this for the convenience of their patrons. It is nearly impossible for merchants to serve the people efficiently when they all rush into the stores within a short period of time and buy as much in a few days as they would in ordinary times in two months.

BUYING UNWANTED THINGS.  
There is another well-known fact and that is one why so many foolish purchases used to be made at Christmas time was that the people could get very little attention in the crowded stores and grabbed off whatever they could get. They find certain lines in which they want to be broken up and nearly sold out and consequently have to take something they really do not want.

Another pertinent early Christmas shopping fact is that gifts sent off a day or two before Christmas are usually reach their destination until after the holiday; there isn't much use to send a present unless you can be more prompt about it. Christmas gifts should be bought and sent now, marked "not to be opened till Christmas." Those who do that will have the warms of all those who are engaged in the retail trade and in the postal and express service.

### KRELICH HELD UNDER BOND

Joseph Krellich, of Hammond, mourned as missing by his family until Friday, is held at the Cook county jail awaiting grand jury action on the alleged theft of an automobile which he claims is his own. Some months ago Krellich sold the car to Michael Milus, 3417 Montrose ave., received \$500 and notes for \$500 more. He charges Milus failed to meet the notes and he took the car back. Milus charges Krellich stole the car without his knowledge. Krellich was enticed to Chicago with the car by an offer of work. He was held to the grand jury in bonds of \$1,500 by Judge Hazen.

### Death of Mrs. Childs

The sad death of Mrs. J. L. Childs of 556 East State street, occurred at the St. Bernard's hospital Saturday morning at 7:45 a. m. Though having been ailing for several months her death was unexpected.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the home of her parents, 231 Lewis street, Hammond, and at the Evangelical church on 8th street at 2:00 o'clock. Interment will be at Oak Hill cemetery.

She is survived by her husband and two children, Myrtle and Robert Childs her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hamer, one brother, Henry and two sisters, Eva and Hazel Hamer.

### WIRT IN COUNTER SUIT FOR DIVORCE

Action is Brought in Porter Co. Circuit Court on Saturday

Chester E. Wirt, Gary, promoter of the Aetna Steel & Iron Company, filed suit for absolute divorce at Valparaiso Saturday in reply to the suit of Mrs. Nellie Wirt of Gary, asking a ten year separation and \$50,000 alimony. Mrs. Wirt is in Syracuse, N. Y., taking depositions in her suit in which she alleges that her husband has been living with a "second Mrs. Wirt," manager of his farm near Syracuse.

He also charges Mrs. Wirt with extreme cruelty, alleging she threatened his life upon three occasions. Mr. Wirt is a brother of William A. Wirt, superintendent of the Gary school system.

Mrs. Wirt has taken a change of venue to Valparaiso, and the cases will be consolidated. The hearing has been set for December 15.

CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.  
The Syracuse Mrs. Wirt claimed at first that she had been divorced from man of the same name at Cortland, N. Y.

"Merely a coincidence," she said. "I merely act as caretaker for Mr. Chester E. Wirt's property."

At the hearing yesterday William F. Dexter, a former private detective, said Mrs. Jennie Wirt of Syracuse, really is Mrs. E. R. Smith, divorced wife of an Indianapolis cobbler.

Mrs. Wirt or Mrs. Smith, said that she and Mr. Wirt were childhood friends. "I would do anything for Mr. Wirt," she said. "I wanted to do all the work on the farm alone. He has doubted his fortune since we have been together."

### AND IT WAS SOME ROUGHHOUSE

George Admits Guilt But Said His Wife "Lit Into Him"

For creating a roughhouse at 72 Plummer avenue last night, George Harris and his wife, Florence, members of Hammond's colored colony, were charged with disorderly conduct. Each had been charged with disorderly conduct and battery against the other after the police had broken up the row.

Neither was sure just how the fight started. George admitted his guilt and explained: "She just lit into me and I comes right back and lit into her."

Anyhow, when the police arrived, they found the stove in the front yard, two doors splintered and three chairs broken into kindling wood. Flo had a bad wound on her arm and George's chin was bruised. George said he hurt his leg when he kicked the stove out. Flo said he did it when he was kicking her around. Flo's injuries came from having the furniture broken over her head and shoulders.

Warning them to be friends and quit such foolishness, Judge Klots gave them each a fine of \$15. They seemed satisfied and went away apparently reconciled.

### CHIROPRACTIC MEETING

About a score of the most prominent and progressive chiropractors of northwestern Indiana held their regular monthly meeting Sunday at the office of Charles F. Williams in the Citizens National Bank building, Hammond.

### HARDING IN FAREWELL TO SENATE

President-Elect Choked With Tears and Emotion Says Last Words as Senator

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The future mistress of the White House will be received and entertained today by the present mistress of the executive mansion, according to reports circulated about the White House. It is said that Mrs. Harding will call about 3 o'clock at the invitation of Mrs. Wilson and will have tea at the White House. The president-elect, however, will not accompany her, it was said.

BY GEORGE R. HOLMES  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Standing at his desk where he served for six years, President-elect Warren G. Harding bade farewell to the U. S. senate today and in a brief speech choked with emotion, expressed the hope that he might have the co-operation of his colleagues in the four years beginning March 4, next.

"Great tasks are ahead of the nation," he pointed out, "and their solution depends upon the spirit of co-operation."

Chaplains of both houses opened the ceremony with a prayer for divine guidance and success of the legislative bodies in the tasks before them.

The galleries of both houses were jammed with spectators. Many members of the house crowded on the senate floor to greet President-elect Harding, who entered senate chamber at 11:40 and was greeted with prolonged applause.

Speaker Gilgit, of the house, appointed Reps. Mondell, Fordney and Champ Clark as the house committee to notify President Wilson that the house was in session and ready to receive any communication he might have to make.

"I am pleased at this meeting by fellow members of the senate," he said. "There is still greater satisfaction in having this opportunity to say to you informally some of the things in my heart which I could utter in no other way. I recognize that I am here today under somewhat unusual circumstances and there is a delicacy about it that one in my position cannot escape. I do not wish to say anything of self-effacement which does not seem quite possible."

"No member of this body" could be more reluctant to leave it, he said to the senate that I came here with very high respect for this body and I am leaving it with greater respect than that which I desire you to have. I shall always direct his own political fortunes to his liking I should have preferred my membership here to any office a citizen may hold in this republic or elsewhere in the world. I like the freedom, the association, the patriotic sense of responsibility which abides here. I am conscious of the great place which congress holds under our constitution, and particularly sensible to the obligations of the senate. When my responsibilities begin in the executive capacity I shall be mindful of the senate's responsibilities as I have been zealous of them as a member, but I mean, at the same time, to be just as insistent upon the responsibilities of the executive. Our governmental good fortune does not lie in any surrender at either end of the avenue, but in the co-ordination and co-operation which becomes the two in a great and truly representative popular government.

This brings me to the thought particularly in my mind. Something has been said about the senatorial oligarchy. Of course everyone here knows that to be a little more imaginative and harmless fiction. But I do recognize how essential is the helpfulness of the senate in the making of a successful administration. I want to express today the wish that a college for the confidence and co-operation of members of this body for the four years which begin next March fourth."

### DRUNKS TELL VARIED TALES

Five drunks were arraigned this morning in the Hammond city court. George Jakisch, 105 Pilsda avenue, Hammond, was arrested yesterday on an intoxication charge. George had just had trouble with Adam Kalklicki of West Hammond at Calumet and Morton avenues. The West Hammond man had been in the eye and the marks indicated that George had worn "knucks" when he struck the blow. However, no such articles were found on him when he was arrested. He entered a plea of guilty this morning and was assessed \$15.

Two brothers Joseph and Thomas Bied were next on the program. Joe lives in Chicago, but is working in Hammond. His brother, Tom, lives in Toledo. They went to church and on the way home ran across some liquor and celebrated. They hadn't seen each other for a long time and went a little too far. The court let them down with \$11 each.

Henry Hag and Claude Biles, who were next on the program, were charged with the liquor which was found on them when they were arrested. They were assessed \$15 each.

### 5 P.M. NEWS FLASHES

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Stocks suffered sharp declines on the stock market today under urgent selling by the bear element. Losses of from 2 to 10 points were general. The greatest decline was suffered in Mexican Petroleum, which dropped 11 points from the high to 17 3/4. Steel common fell over one point to 81 7/8. Southern Pacific and Reading declined over two points. Crucible fell five points and Atlantic Gulf 4 points. American Agricultural dropped ten points.

### Harbor Is Scene of Accident

Hammond Couple in Auto Have Narrow Escape From Death

Mrs. Elizabeth Sharkazy, of 495 Field ave., East Hammond, was injured and her husband, Mike Sharkazy had a narrow escape from death last evening when their machine driven by Mr. Sharkazy was struck by a shifting engine of the Indiana Harbor Belt R. R. Co. near the Michigan ave. crossing, Indiana Harbor.

According to a number of statements made by witnesses, Sharkazy's machine, along with two others, had been waiting at the crossing for the train to pass by, and as the end of the train passed over the crossing and stopped, the two other machines darted across.

The flagman of the train had signaled Sharkazy to stop, but it is believed Sharkazy failing to see him signal, had started his motor and attempted to cross.

About half way across the tracks, the train which had resumed its swift, striding pace, hurled both people to the ground. Dr. Townsley was called and after dressing the wounds of the injured woman had her sent to her home. Her injuries are not considered serious.

### ROSE FINDS SOME SPEED RESTRICTIONS

It cost Rose Paruk, a winsome miss, who lives at 5624 Alexander ave., East Chicago, \$11 to learn that there were speed restrictions in Hammond. Yesterday she and a girl friend took a little spin which carried them over Calumet ave., in Hammond. Motorcycleman Fisher stopped them as they were making thirty miles.

He explained in court that the brake rods on the car were broken and dragging. Miss Rose said her speedometer was not working so she simply took the speed of the rest of the motorists. Fisher said that as she seemed to be heading the procession she was not in position to tell the speed of the others. The court fined her only \$1 and costs.

East Chicago furnished another speeder in Peter Talba, 2, 148th st. He was trying to sell his car and was demonstrating it to a prospect. He had it going better than thirty miles when he was overhauled on 160th st. As a result he will add \$15 to the price of the car.

### COAL QUIZ ORDERED BY ANDERSON

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 6.—In his instructions to the federal grand jury today, Judge A. B. Anderson ordered investigation of alleged violations of federal statutes growing out of the coal business.

The court instructed the grand jurors to complete its probe of "routine," then to proceed with the coal quiz, saying "since the report of the former grand jury in this matter the government claims to have obtained evidence which may warrant additional indictments and the inclusion of additional defendants."

District Attorney Frederick Van Nuy stated the government will look for a continuance of the conspiracy charges against 125 miners and operators when the case is called for trial January 10, pending the outcome of the grand jury probe.

### Reception for Former Hammond Rector

Newspapers received from Akron, O., bill of a reception honoring Rev. W. J. Hawthorne, new rector of St. Peter's Episcopal church of that city, formerly of Hammond. Miss Elizabeth Hawthorne has accepted a position under the management of the Akron high school. Rev. Hawthorne spent two weeks recently in Philadelphia, to have his eyes tested by specialists.

### Illinois Central Securities Are Worth At Least \$500,000

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Dec. 6.—J. C. Gleason, president of M. L. Movel, cashier, of the First National Bank at Clifton, Ill., arrived here to identify thousands of dollars' worth of Liberty bonds and securities taken from their bank several days ago by yeggmen and found by Erie railroad police Wednesday night in sacks beneath a bank car used by section men near Highland, in Lake county.

Seen By Section Foreman.  
The papers were first noticed by a section foreman at Highland, who notified the agent there. The agent notified E. C. Reed, captain of the Erie railroad police, late Wednesday and he sent Sergeant C. E. Jennings to investigate. Jennings brought the sacks and their contents back to this city.

The Erie police opened the sacks after they were brought here and made a cursory examination. They found that the only jewelry missed by the yeggmen were a pair of cuff links and a gilt bordered tintype picture of a woman. The Liberty bonds overlooked were \$24,300 worth of registered bonds, ranging in denomination from \$100 to \$1,000. The Erie police estimated the value of the Illinois Central stock at at least \$500,000. Piled indiscriminately on the floor, as they were dumped out of the four large gunny sacks, the papers and bonds made a large heap.

Deposited in Huntington Bank.  
After the Clifton bank officials reached Huntington, the securities were taken to the First National Bank of this city late Thursday afternoon and deposited by the Erie police. Mr. Gleason conferred this morning with Milo N. Fanning, in demand for the Erie railroad, concerning the transfer of the papers. Mr. Gleason said the bank was willing to put up a bond, if necessary, to protect the Erie police in the transfer. Most of the loot, Mr. Gleason said, could be duplicated by the owner and he was anxious to return to Clifton and restore the papers.

### FORESTERS PLAN COUNTRY WIDE CAMPAIGN

Plans for a country-wide campaign for membership in the Catholic Order of Foresters were discussed yesterday at a meeting of the Chief Rangers of the different organizations of Lake county. The meeting was held at the Geneva House in Robertdale and was presided by a fish dinner.

A number of prominent members of the lodge were present and delivered addresses. Among these were John A. Herzog, state chief ranger of Mishawaka; M. E. Laufferman, vice chief ranger, of Hammond, and George Kusmaul, state treasurer, of Hammond.

George T. Hanlon of Hammond, chairman of the chief rangers of Lake county, presided at the meeting. Others present were A. N. Witke of Whiting, secretary of the county organization, John Pelpinger of Schererville, J. F. Hoffman of Dyer, J. E. Burns of Hammond, Joseph A. Kretz of Crown Point, F. H. Halfman of Merrillville, William Huber of East Chicago, Ben Jones of Whiting, J. R. Doppler of Whiting, Pat Flinnery of Gary, and John A. Tokars, state trustee of Whiting. William Lynch and John J. Molloy of Hammond were present as guests.

### NARROW ESCAPE FOR COL. HARRISON

In Auto Crash Which Cost the Life of Four Men at Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 6.—The condition of Col. Russell B. Harrison, who was injured last evening in an automobile crash which cost the lives of four men, was pronounced "fairly good" at the Methodist hospital today. Nick Clones, James Latson and George Patson, all leaders in Greek circles, were killed and Harry Hardy was fatally injured when the party's automobile was struck by an interurban car east of Irvington.

Col. Harrison, representative-elect from Marion county is a son of Benjamin Harrison, one time president of the U. S.

### Death of Mrs. Webster

Josephine C. Webster, aged 55, wife of John Webster, 256 Plummer ave., died yesterday morning at St. Margaret's hospital, following an operation. Three children also survive her, Richard of Hammond, Margaret O'cott of Washington, D. C., and Geo. Edward of Washington. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning from Burns chapel. Rev. Licklider officiating.

### Smallpox Wave Spreads

SOUTH BEND, IND., Dec. 6.—With twenty-five new cases of smallpox reported to the health department within the last twenty-four hours, South Bend is facing a serious epidemic of the disease. More than fifty homes are now under surveillance. Although the manifestation of the maledy is not virulent, the health officials are doing everything in their power to check the spread of the disease and have issued rigid rules for vaccination.